

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 remain in the application. The Office has stated that Claims 7, 14, 22 and 25 are objected to, but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. The Office has indicated that the prior art does not disclose or render obvious wherein an impedance discontinuity between the signal trace and the component is lowered from above 5 ohms to less than 1 ohm. Independent claims 1, 8, 18 and 23 have been amended to include the limitations of the allowed claims 7, 14, 22 and 25. Thus, the above amendments overcome the 103 rejections to claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-21, 23 and 24. Claims 11 and 16 have been amended to overcome a formality. Claims 7, 14, 22 and 25 have been cancelled.. No new subject matter has been added with these amendments.

A. 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 11 and 16 have been rejected to for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Claims 11 and 16 have been amended to overcome the rejections. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the section 112 objections to claims 11 and 16 are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants request allowance of the application.

Please forward further communications to the address of record. If the Examiner needs to contact the below-signed agent to further the prosecution of the application, the contact number is (503) 264-0944.

Respectfully submitted,

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